AP Fee Reduction Grant for 2009

Once again this year, the state of Vermont has been awarded an AP Fee Reduction Grant. The purpose of this grant is to pay all or a portion of the advanced placement fees on behalf of eligible low-income students who are enrolled in an advanced placement course, and plan to take an advanced placement exam. As in the previous two years, College Board will waive their fee of \$22.00, the state will cover \$56.00, and if the school waives their \$8.00 fee, qualifying students in Vermont can take the exam at no cost to themselves.

Acceptable definitions for determining student eligibility can be found at the following Web site: http://professionals.collegeboard.com/profdownload/ap-fee-reduction-policy.pdf. While free and reduced lunch status is the most common gateway for eligibility, any of the other options listed are also acceptable. Schools must keep documentation of each student's eligibility on file. Vermont is required by the U.S. Department of Education to verify eligibility. Your school may be chosen randomly to supply this documentation, so please have this information readily available.

Secondly, you must submit the **state copy of the College Board invoice** for your school's exams to: Noel Bryant, Enrichment Coordinator, Vermont Dept. of Education, 120 State Street, Montpelier, VT 05620-2501, or fax this copy to (802)828.6563. Again, this form is needed to verify invoices from College Board to the state, so absence of this form may jeopardize your access to these funds. **All invoices should be submitted to the College Board no later than August 1, 2009**, to insure that they will be covered by the direct bill contract between the state and College Board.

If you have further questions, please contact Noel Bryant at noel.bryant@state.vt.us or at (802) 828-0215.

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